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1	IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	1	MARTIN SAPKO, first having been
2	FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA	2	duly sworn, testified as follows:
	MICHAEL W. HILL, et al., : C.A. No. 05-160 Erie	3	
4	Plaintiff : C.A. No. 03-323 Erie : C.A. No. 03-355 Erie	4	DIRECT EXAMINATION
	v. : C.A. No. 03-368 Erie	5	BY MR. LANZILLO:
5	: C.A. No. 04-011 Erie JOHN J. LAMANNA, et al., :	6	
6	Defendants :	7	Q. Mr. Sapko, my name is Rich Lanzillo. I represent
7		8	the Plaintiffs in these various related actions. I have
8 9	Deposition of MARTIN SAPKO, taken before and	9	scheduled your deposition today to ask you some questions
	by Janis L. Ferguson, Notary Public in and for the	_	
10	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, December 19, 2006, commencing at 11:51 a.m., at the offices	10	primarily concerning conditions at the UNICOR facility at
11	of Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett, PC, 120 West	11	FCI McKean.
12	10th Street, Erie, Pennsylvania 16501.	12	Both my questions and your responses will
13		13	ultimately be transcribed by Janis, our court reporter. To
14 15	For the Plaintiffs:	14	ensure that the transcript is clear, I would ask that you
	Richard A. Lanzillo, Esquire	15	respond to each of my questions verbally, as opposed to
16	Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett, PC 120 West 10th Street	16	shaking your head. Janis can miss that, and we could end up
17	Erie, PA 16501	17	with an incomplete transcript.
18	For the Defendants: Michael C. Colville, Esquire, AUSA	18	Also, if you're going to answer my question in the
19	Office of the United States Attorney	19	affirmative, I'd ask you to use the word "yes", and if
20	700 Grant Street, Suite 4000 Pittsburgh, PA 15219	20	you're going to answer in the negative, use the word "no".
21	Douglas Goldring, Esquire	21	Words or phrases like "uh-huh" or "huh-uh" are often
22	Federal Prison Industries (UNICOR)	22	ambiguous on the record.
22	400 First Street NW Washington, DC 20534	23	And, finally, most importantly, if at any time you
23		24	do not hear my question clearly or if you do not understand
24	Reported by Janis L. Ferguson, RPR, CRR	25	it, because of the way I phrased it, let me know that. I'll
25	Ferguson & Holdnack Reporting, Inc.	23	it, because of the way I phrased it, let the know that. In
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1	INDEX	1	be happy to repeat or rephrase the question. Is that fair
2		2	enough?
3	TESTIMONY OF MARTIN SAPKO	3	A. Yes, sir
4	Direct examination by Mr. Lanzillo 3	4	Q. Would you state your full name, please.
5	Cross-examination by Mr. Colville 28	5	A. Martin Andrew Sapko.
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	6	Q. What is your current address?
6	Redirect examination by Mr. Lanzillo 32	7	
7			A. 603 West Gordon Street, Bradford, Pennsylvania. Q. How are you presently employed?
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1	operate	ed the filtration to the water system, chlorination to
2	the wa	ter system.
3	Q.	How long did you work at Witco Chemical?
4	A.	I think a little over five years.

- Q. How long did you work at Bradford City water? A. Off and on. I think the longest I worked was
- seven years. Some of it was part-time, some of it was 7 8 full-time.
- 9 Q. Was there any formal safety and health training at 10 either Witco Chemical or Bradford City water department?
- A. I don't remember it at the water department. I 11 don't really remember it at Witco, but there possibly could 12 13 have been.
- What were your job responsibilities as the factory 14 15 manager at FCI McKean?
 - A. Production, scheduling, ordering materials.
- Q. Did you have any responsibilities relative to 17
- Occupational Safety and Health? 18
 - A. No. Everybody has to make sure the place is safe.
- 20 Q. Who is your immediate supervisor?
 - A. Debbie Forsyth.
- Q. And did you have any employees who reported 22
- 23 directly to you?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Who were they?

Page 6 certificate? 1 2 A. Constructional carpentry. Q. Was that a two-year program? 3 A. Yes. 4 Q. Prior to joining FCI McKean, did you receive any 5 training in the area of safety and health? 6 A. Probably at one of my other -- my other jobs at 7 8 Witco Chemical Corporation. Q. Yeah. Where did you work before you joined FCI 9 McKean? 10 11 A. Right prior to? O. Yes. Witco? 12 13 A. Witco. Witco Chemical. Q. What was your position there? 14 A. I worked at the baggage plant, packaging up oil 15

- A. All the foremen on the floor. Except for the -well, the night shift, there was a supervisor of the night 2 3 shift crew. Q. Relative to Mr. Housler, where did you fit into 4 the organizational chart at FCI McKean, UNICOR facility, when you were factory manager? 6
 - A. To Mr. Housler?
 - Q. Yeah. Did you have any direct reporting or --
 - A. Just if we had any kind of safety issues or
- anything. He didn't exactly work for UNICOR. 10
- Q. Okay. If you had safety issues, though, was it 11

- Q. And by your supervisor, you mean Miss Forsyth?
- Q. During your tenure as factory manager at the
- 19 UNICOR facility, did you ever report any occupational health
- or safety issues to Ms. Forsyth or Mr. Housler?
- A. The only one that I reported was the one that
- 22 Mr. English wrote about with Mr. Bevevino.

policy or procedure that you would report them to 12 13 Mr. Housler? A. I would report it to my supervisor, and I would 14 report it to Mr. Housler, if there was anything. 15 16 Q. You weren't responsible for occupational health or 17 A. Miss Forsyth. 18 20 21 Q. Prior to Witco Chemical, where did you work? A. I worked for the Bradford City water department. 23 Q. And to whom did you report that? A. I reported it to Miss Forsyth. 24 25 O. Did you discuss it with Mr. Housler? A. Variety of things. I was a laborer mostly. I

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products, shipping and receiving.

A. No. At there? No.

Q. Basically a laborer's position?

Q. What was your position there?

safety, were you?

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- A. Not that I can remember.
- Q. And in your own words, what was the nature of the
- issue that Mr. English reported to you regarding 3
- Mr. Bevevino?

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- 5 A. Well, that he had -- that OSHA had come in on --
- like around April 16th, and they were looking for certain
- MSDS sheets in our MSDS book, and they couldn't find them in
- the right place. So Mr. English talked to Mr. Bevevino when 8
- he came in that night and told them that they couldn't find
- 10 them, and he said that Mr. Bevevino got very defensive, and 11 that you guys were all pussies around here, and if you guys
- 12 aren't going to do something about it, I am.
- Q. Was it related to you by Mr. English that 13
- 14 Mr. Beyevino had concerns about materials being released
- from Micore board when it was being used in the facility?
- A. I don't know if he specifically said Micore board 16
- or not. He just said there's materials here that have 17
- carcinogenic in it. 18
- 19 Q. And after Mr. English reported that information to
- you, did you convey it to Ms. Forsyth? 20
 - A. I think Mr. English conveyed it to both of us in a
- 22 memo.

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- Q. And did you discuss it with Miss Forsyth? 23
 - A. I would have discussed it with Miss Forsyth.
- Q. And what did she say in response to the 25

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- regularly work with that Micore board, would they not?
- 2 A. Certain areas would.
- 3 Sawing and cutting of Micore board took place
- 4 within the facility?
- 5 A. Yes, it did.
 - Q. Did you ever observe those operations while you
- were plant manager?
- A. Well --8
 - Factory manager. Q.
- 10 A. Sometimes I would be walking through the factory
- 11 and --

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- 12 Q. Do you have an office?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. Where was that located?
- 15 A. Up in the mezzanine, above the factory floor.
 - Q. And how often were you present on the factory
- 17 floor itself?
- 18 A. I'd try to get down to the floor a couple times a
- day. Usually first thing in the morning when I got there, 19
- 20 I'd try to go around and see what the night shift might have
- done. And then probably sometime after lunch I would try to 21
- 22 get down, if I had enough time.
- 23 Q. Did your responsibilities include monitoring
- production and schedules and the like? 24
- 25 A. Yes.

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- information? 1
 - A. I don't remember specifically.
- Q. Did you report that information to Ms. Forsyth 3
- shortly after Mr. English conveyed it to you? 4
- A. I think Mr. English had given Miss Forsyth a memo, 5
- so she would have had it also. 6
- Q. Did you discuss that information with Ms. Forsyth 7
- shortly after you received the memo from Mr. English? 8
- A. I possibly could have. I don't remember it 9
- offhand. 10
- Q. You don't remember the timing? 11
- 12 A. No.
- Q. Do you remember any of the substance of your 13
- conversation with Ms. Forsyth regarding the information 14
- conveyed by Mr. English, either verbally or in the form of a 15
- memo? 16
- A. No. 17
- Q. When the UNICOR facility at FCI McKean 18
- manufactured furniture products --19
- A. Um-hum. 20
- O. -- it utilized materials known as Micore board --21
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. -- is that correct? 23
- 24 A. Yes.
- And the inmates within the facility would work, 25

- Page 12 Q. On the occasions that you were present on the 1
 - factory floor, you did periodically see inmates cutting the 2
 - 3 Micore board?
 - A. Yes.

- Q. All right. On the occasions that you observed 5
- inmates cutting the Micore board, did you notice how many 6
- 7 boards at a time they would cut?
- 8 A. I think they could cut anywhere from one to four
- boards, depending on the thickness that they would cut, 9
- depending on -- we had two different sizes of Micore that we 10
- 11 used different times throughout the --
- 12 Q. So the number of boards would vary?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. And when you observed the inmates cutting the 14
- 15 Micore board, were the inmates wearing any type of a mask?
- A. Some of them would wear a dust mask, if they 16
- 17 wanted it.
- 18 Q. You say "if they wanted it". What do you mean by
- 19 that?
- A. It was optional. If they wanted it. Because we 20
- had a dust-collection system. 21
- Q. The inmates were not required to wear a mask? It 22
- 23 was purely their option?
- 24 A. No, I think OSHA, after they came in, they said
- they could recommend that they could wear a mask.

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- Q. What about goggles? Were they required to wear 1 2 goggles?
- 3 A. They are supposed to wear safety glasses,
- steel-toed shoes, and in certain places, hearing protection. 4
 - Q. By safety glasses, I'm contrasting that with
- goggles that form-fit around the eye. These were just the
- standard safety glasses, plastic, that would sit on the
- 8 face?

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- 9 A. Yes.
- O. All right. Prior to OSHA's inspection, which I 10
- believe commenced in or around April of 2003, what did you 11
- know about Micore board? 12
- A. Probably not a lot of it. 13
- Q. Did you receive any training regarding the 14
- 15 composition of Micore board?
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- Q. In your observations of inmates working with 17
- Micore board, particularly in a sawing type of operation, 18
- did you notice that that operation generated dust? 19
- A. I never saw any dust. 20
- Q. You never saw any dust from the cutting of Micore 21
- 22 board?
- A. Not when I was around there, no. 23
- Q. Did you ever see dust on the clothing of an 24
- 25 inmate?

- Q. Do you have any reason to believe that that
- 2 occurred?

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- A. I imagine it could have occurred, yes.
- Q. There was no -- you're not aware of any policy 4 prohibiting that, are you?
- A. No. I don't think they were supposed to, but I 6 don't think there was anything in policy. 7
- Q. What about blowing dust off of their clothing? 8
- Was there any policy in place to prohibit that? 9
 - A. They weren't supposed to, but I never saw it.
 - Q. Did you ever sit in on any training sessions or
- attend any training sessions where there was a discussion 12
- 13 that that was not appropriate?
 - A. Not that I can remember.
- Q. Did you ever review the MSDS sheet for Micore 15
- 16 hoard?
- 17 A. Yes.
 - Q. When is the first time that you reviewed the MSDS
- 19 sheet for Micore board?
- 20 A. When there was a complaint about it.
 - Q. When was there a complaint?
- A. When Michael Hill complained. 22
- 23 O. Do you recall the year that that occurred?
 - A. It would have been right around the OSHA time.
 - Q. Prior to Michael Hill's complaint, had you

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- How about on the table saw itself? 2
- A. There could be possibly some dust, but not very 3
- 4 much.
- Q. Did you ever see inmates sweeping up dust from the 5
- floor around the tables? 6
- A. Yeah, they would be sweeping. 7
- O. Okay. And when they would sweep it up, would they 8
- 9 put it into piles?
- A. They could sweep it into piles and put it in the 10
- 11 dumpster.
- Q." Where did you think that dust was coming from? 12
- A. Could be coming from particle board, could be 13
- coming from Micore, I guess. 14
- Q. And did you ever see dust in the hair, on the face 15
- 16 of an inmate?
- A. No. 17
- Q. Did you ever see inmates using the pneumatic or 18
- air pressure devices to blow the dust off of equipment or 19
- themselves? 20
- A. No, I didn't. But the foremen told me they could 21
- blow dust from underneath some of the bigger machines. 22
- Q. What about on top of the machines? Could they do 23
- 24 that?

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I never saw them doing it, no.

- reviewed the MSDS sheet for Micore board? 1
 - A. No.
- 3 Q. Prior to Michael Hill's complaint, what, if
- anything, did you know regarding any health hazards or
- health effects associated with silica dust, Perlite, or any
- other material that could be generated from the cutting of 6
- 7 Micore board?
- A. Can you state that again? I missed the first 8
- 9
- 10 O. Sure. What knowledge did you have, if any,
- regarding any health hazards or health effects associated 11
- with Micore board prior to Mr. Hill's Complaint? 12
- A. Just whatever I would hear on TV or something 13
- 14 about silica dust.
- 15 Q. You understood at least generally that silica dust
- could cause health problems? 16
- 17 A. Yes.
- Q. And you were aware, were you not, that silica dust 18
- was one of the by-products from cutting Micore board, 19
- 20 weren't you?

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- A. Yes. After reading the report, yes.
- O. Did you know that silica dust was a by-product of
- Micore board prior to the OSHA inspection? 23
 - A. No.
- Q. Prior to Mr. Hill's complaint, had there been any 25

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complaints regarding dust, air quality, or anything

- associated with Micore board?
- 3 A. There was a complaint. I believe it was an
- anonymous complaint back in 2001.
- Q. Do you know who originated the complaint back in 5
- 6 2001?

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- A. No idea.
- Q. After the complaint in 2001, and before the OSHA 8
- 9 inspections, did you review any of the MSDS sheets?
- A. Before when? 10
- 11 Q. Between the Complaint that was received in 2001
- 12 and the OSHA inspection in 2003, did you review any MSDS
- 13 sheets?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Am I correct that to your knowledge, the UNICOR
- facility did not provide any training to inmates regarding 16
- any potential health hazards associated with the cutting of 17
- 18 Micore board?
- 19 A. Not that I can remember.
- Q. The use of masks in the facility, that was purely 20
- 21 optional on the part of the --
- 22 A. Yes. They were available to anybody that wanted
- 23 one.
- 24 Q. But it was purely their option, was it not?
- 25 A. Yes.

- Q. So loose-fitting clothing could get caught in the
- 2 operational part of the machine --
- 3 A. Yes.
- Q. -- and pull the person's arm into --
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Okay. Other than that, were there any other
- 7 requirements for clothing?
- 8 A. No, not that I can think of.
 - Q. Are you familiar with a material known as Lokweld
- 10 860/861?
 - A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Okay. What is your understanding as far as that
- 13 substance?
 - A. It's a glue we use for our post forming line.
- 15 Q. And in what area or areas of the UNICOR facility
- 16 was Lokweld utilized?
- 17 A. In our midwest -- midwest post forming machine.
- 18 Q. Where is that located?
 - A. It was located right below the mezzanine on the
- 20 factory floor.
- 21 Q. And explain to me how the Lokweld was utilized in
- 22 the post forming operation with that machine.
- 23 A. We had drums, 55-gallon drums, and we kept them in
- 24 a flammable cabinet. And it was pumped from there into the
- 25 spray booth, where automatic heads sprayed the glue onto the

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- Q. And am I correct that there was no training 1
- provided to inmates regarding the circumstances under which 2
- 3 they might want to use a mask?
- A. That would also be in our safety videos or through 4
- 5 the foremen themselves.
- 6 Q. But, to your knowledge, there was nothing in the
- 7 safety videos dealing with when to use a mask and when not
- to, was there? 8
- A. I don't know. I didn't watch a lot of videos. I 9
- was usually working, and they are showing them every month. 10
- Q. So if that's in there, you're not personally aware 11
- 12 of it.
- 13 A. No.
- Q. And you have no personal knowledge of any 14
- supervisor providing any training regarding when an inmate
- would want to utilize a mask during operations at UNICOR. 16
- Is that a correct statement? 17
- 18 A. Yes.
- Q. Were there any policies in place at UNICOR 19
- regarding requirements for clothing? 20
- A. Requirements for clothing? 21
- 22 Q. Um-hum.
- A. They had to wear tight-fitting clothing. 23
- 24 O. To avoid --
- 25 A. Around -- working around machinery.

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- particle board and onto the laminate. And then it would go
- 2 through a drying tunnel, and then they would put the piece
- 3 of laminate on top of the particle board and send it down
- the line, put it through a pinch roller, where it would
- pinch the two together, and it would go down the line 5
- 6 further, and then there would be a -- heaters in the post
- forming part of the machine where it would bend the laminate
- 8 around the edge of the particle board. It was a rounded
- 9 edge.
- 10 Q. Was Lokweld used in any other area of the
- 11 facility?

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- 12 It was used in another part of the factory.
- 13 Special projects area.
 - Q. How was it utilized there?
- 15 A. We would make furniture for different parts of the
- institution, and they would get some of the Lokweld and put 16
- 17 it in -- a small amount in a five-gallon bucket, and they
- 18 would take a roller and roll it onto the laminate or -- and
- 19 glue it onto the particle board that way.
- 20 Q. So the Lokweld would be transferred to a
- 21 five-gallon bucket, and then that five-gallon bucket would
- 22 be positioned in the special projects area?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. And how did the inmates apply the Lokweld? Did
- 25 they take a brush, dip it in the bucket?

- A. Took a roller, usually a small roller, dipped it in the bucket, then rolled it onto the laminate or onto the 3 particle board.
- Q. Was there any requirement that inmates use any 4 type of a mask in that operation?

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- O. To your knowledge, was there any specific training 7 provided regarding the use of Lokweld? 8
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Did you ever have any conversations with Robin
- Bevevino regarding air quality, Micore board, or Lokweld? 11
- 12 A. No. The only thing was that memo that Mr. English 13 did.
- Q. And by "that memo", let me just have you identify 14 15 that.
- (Discussion held off the record.) 16
- Q. I'm going to show you what was previously marked 17 as Housler Deposition Exhibit 2. And tell me if that's the
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- memo to which you're referring. And for clarification --19
- 20 A. The date is not right.
- 21 Q. The date is wrong?
- 22 A. Yeah, the date is wrong.
- 23 O. That memo, am I correct, would have been dated
- 24 sometime in April of 2003?
- 25 A. Yes.

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- A. (Witness complies.) I can't think what the other 1
 - one was right now. I thought there was a third one. It
 - might come to me. 3
 - Q. Okay. In any case, your recollection is that 4
 - 5 after you received a copy of the memo that's been marked as
 - Housler Exhibit 2, you ordered new MSDS sheets for Micore 6
 - board and for Lokweld. 7
 - 8 A. Yes.
 - 9 Other than that, did you take any other action?
 - 10 A. No.
 - Q. I'm going to show you what was previously marked 11
 - as Housler Exhibit 1. This is a document received from the 12
 - U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health 13
 - Administration. And, actually, there's three pages, I 14
 - think, to that document. Let me put those together for you. 15
 - Take a minute and review Housler Exhibit 1 and tell me if 16 17 you have ever seen that before.
 - 18 A. (Witness complies.) No, I haven't seen -- this is
 - 19 all together?
 - 20 Q. Yes.
 - 21 A. Oh.
 - 22 (Discussion held off the record.)
 - 23 A. No, I -- I have never seen this.
 - 24 Take a look at the first page of Housler Exhibit
 - 25 1. You'll see that there's a handwritten narrative there

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- Q. All right. And as I understand it from counsel, 1
- what happens is when that memo is reprinted from the 2
- computer system, there's an automatic date update. That's 3
- why you're seeing a 2006 date. 4
- So with that clarification and that correction, is 5
- 6 that the memo --
- A. Yes.
- Q. -- that you're referring to? 8
- 9 A. It looks like it, yes.
- Q. Okay. Did you personally investigate or look into 10
- any of the matters described in the memo that's been marked 11
- as Housler Exhibit 2? 12
- 13 A. I would have talked to Miss Forsyth about that,
- 14 because I know she got one.
 - Q. And other than discussing this memo with
- Ms. Forsyth, did you take any further action regarding the 16
- content of the memo? 17

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- 18 A. With Mr. Bevevino?
- 19 O. With anyone.
- 20 A. I ordered -- I called and got new -- new upgraded
- MSDS sheets on the Micore, the Lokweld, and -- I forget what 21
- 22 the other one was now.
- Q. There was some other material? Go ahead. If you 23
- would like to look at Exhibit 2 to try to refresh your 24
- recollection. 25

- Page 24 describing conditions at the UNICOR facility. And if you'd
- review that and then tell me if there's anything in that
- description with which you would disagree factually. 3
- 4 A. (Witness complies.) I don't -- what -- what is that right there (indicating)?
 - Q. BOP. Bureau of Prisons staff.
 - A. I didn't -- I never heard about any complaining
- about any irritation of their eyes or their skin. I mean,
- we had a dust-collection system in there that would suck
- everything out of the air that I ever saw. 10
- 11 Q. Do you have any knowledge, Mr. Sapko, of any
- complaints of skin, eye, or respiratory irritation? 12
- A. No. I never heard anybody complain about it. 13
- 14 Until Michael Hill.
- Q. You learned of Mr. Hill. Did you learn of any 15
- 16 other complaints?
- A. There was a few others after Mr. Hill. I think 17
- 18 Mr. -- another Mr. Hill, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Kelly.
- 19 Mr. Siggers.

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- 20 Q. I understand that there was some air testing done
- in connection with the OSHA inspection. Do you have any 21
- knowledge of that? 22
- 23 A. Some, yes.
 - O. What is the extent of your knowledge regarding the
- 25 air quality testing?

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1	Page 25 A. That they came in and didn't really find very	1	Page 2 department.
2	much.	2	Q. And you indicated that everyone involved in the
3	Q. Prior to the let me ask you, do you have any	3	management there and the staff, they would have had som
4	knowledge of any air quality testing prior to 2003, when	4	responsibility for safety and health.
5	OSHA inspected?	5	A. Yes.
6	A. Just Microbac Labs in 2001.	6	Q. All right. Did you ever have any discussions with
7	Q. And that was testing performed after an OSHA	7	Ms. Forsyth regarding air quality testing?
8	complaint?	8	A. Just you mean from the reports from Microbac
9	A. I believe it was.	9	or
10	Q. Did the staff at UNICOR make an effort to	10	Q. Well, let me ask you the more specific question.
11	essentially clean up the facility prior to the air quality	11	Did you ever discuss whether air quality testing should be
12	testing in 2001 and then again in 2003?	12	performed?
13	A. No. No.	13	A. In what time frame? I mean
14	O. When did furniture manufacturing end at the UNICOR	14	Q. At any time. But let's
15	facility at McKean?	15	A. No.
16	A. I think it might have been a year ago.	16	Q. I'll narrow it between 2001 and the end of 2003.
17	Q. Is the dust control system that was in place at	17	A. I did not, no.
18	the time furniture was manufactured still there?	18	Q. Did she ever express any views to you as to
19	A. Yes.	19	whether she thought air quality testing was necessary or
20	Q. Is it utilized for the current operations?	20	appropriate?
21	A. One one of them is and one of them is not. We	21	A. Well, I think once they got the report, anonymous,
22	still	22	that went into OSHA, they decided we would have it
23	Q. Which one is still there and in use?	23	voluntarily tested.
23 24	A. I don't know how you want me to describe that.	24	Q. Do you know well, I take it you are surmising
2 4 25	Q. Were there two two dust-collection systems?	25	that. My question is, did you actually discuss that
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1	Page 26 A. Yes.	1	Page 2
2	Q. Were they identical in design?	2	A. No.
3	A. Yes.	3	Q with Miss Forsyth?
4	Q. All right. And now there's only one system in	4	A. No.
5	use?	5	(Discussion held off the record.)
6	A. They are both still there. The one, we took out a	6	MR. LANZILLO: That's all I have, Mr. Sapko.
7	lot of the ductwork, but it still can be hooked up and be	7	Thank you.
,		8	Thank your
8	Q. And the other dust-collection system that was in	9	CROSS-EXAMINATION
9	place during furniture manufacturing, it's still there and	10	BY MR. COLVILLE:
10	still being used.	11	_ · · · · - · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
11	A. Yes.	12	Q. Mr. Sapko, let me ask you just a couple questions.
12	Q. All right. Has there been any modification to its	13	The memorandum from Mr. English concerning the Bevevino
13	design?	14	discussion, did that memorandum reach your desk before or
14	A. No. Just different ductwork, might be, to put it	15	after the OSHA investigation of 2003?
15	to different types of machines. We moved machinery around.	16	A. It would have got to me
16	and the second s	17	(Witness asked for clarification by the reporter.)
	Q. Okay. Are table saws still used in connection	ļ	A. I said it would have been after, because
17	with manufacturing operations?	I ×	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
16 17 18	with manufacturing operations?	18	·
17 18 19	A. There's a table saw, radial arm saw.	19	Mr. Clabaugh came in on the 16th, and Mr
17 18 19 20	A. There's a table saw, radial arm saw. Q. Okay.	19 20	Mr. Clabaugh came in on the 16th, and Mr Q. So when you were asked about what actions you too
17 18 19 20 21	A. There's a table saw, radial arm saw. Q. Okay. (Discussion held off the record.)	19 20 21	Mr. Clabaugh came in on the 16th, and Mr Q. So when you were asked about what actions you too or what investigation you did as a result of that,
17 18 19 20 21 22	 A. There's a table saw, radial arm saw. Q. Okay. (Discussion held off the record.) Q. Who was principally responsible for matters of 	19 20 21 22	Mr. Clabaugh came in on the 16th, and Mr Q. So when you were asked about what actions you too or what investigation you did as a result of that, contemporaneously with receiving that memo you had an
17 18 19 20 21 22 23	A. There's a table saw, radial arm saw. Q. Okay. (Discussion held off the record.) Q. Who was principally responsible for matters of occupational safety and health at the UNICOR facility? In	19 20 21 22 23	Mr. Clabaugh came in on the 16th, and Mr Q. So when you were asked about what actions you too or what investigation you did as a result of that, contemporaneously with receiving that memo you had an understanding that OSHA was there investigating the very
17 18 19 20 21 22	 A. There's a table saw, radial arm saw. Q. Okay. (Discussion held off the record.) Q. Who was principally responsible for matters of 	19 20 21 22	Mr. Clabaugh came in on the 16th, and Mr Q. So when you were asked about what actions you too or what investigation you did as a result of that, contemporaneously with receiving that memo you had an

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- Q. Okay. And then did you at some point receive a
- summary of OSHA's investigation, its findings, citations, etcetera?
- A. Yes, we did. And we posted it in the UNICOR
- 5 factory so all the inmates could see it.
- 6 Q. Now, there were a number of citations, and I guess
- 7 there was also a set of recommendations that OSHA provided
- 8 to BOP:

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- A. Yes.
- Q. Were you involved in implementing or making any of
 the corrections that were -- regarding the citations or the
- 12 recommendations that OSHA provided?
- A. Through the staff in our department, we got all of
 the recommendations completed.
- Q. It was your understanding of the recommendations
 that they were required or —
- 17 A. No, they were only recommendations. OSHA came in
- 18 and said, you know, everything we were doing was right and
- 19 these were just recommendations. Some of them -- some of
- 20 $\,$ them were to do with the machinery, which I thought OSHA $\,$
- 21 should have taken that to the machine maker.
- 22 Q. Now, in spite of that, do you know whether or not
- 23 any of the recommendations were implemented?
- 24 A. They were all implemented.
- 25 Q. That's, again, voluntarily.

- 1 after the OSHA investigation?
 - 2 A. I think it was made after.
 - Q. All right. Do I take it his complaint was the

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- 4 complaint we're all here about today; that he believed he
- 5 was being exposed to hazardous --
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. -- air quality; Micore product, Lokweld?
- 8 A. Yes.

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- 9 Q. All right. As a result of those complaints, what
- 10 did you do?
 - A. At that meeting, I didn't do anything.
- 12 Mr. Housler did all the talking at that meeting. I was
- 13 there to give any information that he would have had about
- 14 UNICOR.
 - Q. What happened ultimately?
 - A. Mr. Housler told him that if you -- you know, he
- 17 told him we did testing in 2001, and we have a
- 18 dust-collection system there that is twice the size that we
- 19 actually need for the factory, and he -- but if he still
- 20 thought that he had a complaint, that we would take him out
- 21 of UNICOR until we -- OSHA would come in and do their
- 22 testing.
 - Q. So then his complaint was before OSHA came in?
- 24 A. No. It was after OSHA. Because OSHA was going to
- 25 be coming in.

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- A. Voluntarily, yes.
- Q. Now, with regard to the citations that were
- 3 issued, concerning their findings or the investigation, do
- you know of any citation issued that wasn't corrected by
- 5 BOP?

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- 6 A. No, I do not. No, they were all corrected.
 - O. At any time prior to Michael Hill coming and
- 8 complaining to you, did any inmate or staff member ever
- 9 complain to you about their belief that they were injured
- 10 while working on the work floor as a result of Micore
- 11 products or Lokweld products?
 - A. No.
- 13 Q. Did anybody come to you, staff or inmate, and ask
- 14 that they be provided with a respirator while working with
- 15 Lokweld or Micore board?
 - A. No. No one ever came to me.
- 17 Q. When Michael Hill came to complain to you about --
- 18 what did he complain to you about?
- 19 A. He didn't actually complain to me personally. He
- sent a BP-8, I think, to -- I don't know who it actually
 went to. But we had a meeting up -- up in one of the units.
- 22 They called all the -- called the safety department, his
- 23 unit manager, myself, Miss Fantasky, and we went over his
- 24 complaint.
 - Q. And was Michael Hill's complaint made before or

- 1 O. I'm not following that. If you told him that he
 - 2 could -- that we would take him off the work floor until
 - 3 OSHA came in and did their testing --
 - A. Because we knew OSHA was coming in to test.
 - Q. Okay. I see.
 - 6 A. And we knew OSHA was coming in to test, and we
 - 7 actually, I think -- a couple days later they told him that
 - 8 he could come back to work, but he did not want to come back
 - 9 to work until he -- until the OSHA tests were in.
 - 10 Q. All right. Ultimately, the OSHA tests were
 - 11 conducted, and we have those results.
 - A. Yes.
 - 13 Q. Were those results shared with Mr. Hill?
 - A. I believe so, yes.
 - 15 Q. And did -- was he offered or allowed to come back
 - 16 at that point?
 - 17 A. Well, yes, after that. But, I mean, he came back
 - 18 before that and wanted to get hired back in UNICOR. And we
 - 19 told him -- I told him that the OSHA report wasn't in. Miss
 - 20 Forsyth later told me that he could come in and work.
 - 21 MR. COLVILLE: That's all I have. Doug, do you
 - 22 have anything?
 - MR. GOLDRING: No, nothing.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	Page 33 BY MR. LANZILLO: Q. Just a quick follow-up to make sure I'm clear on the sequence here. There was a Complaint to OSHA in 2001, correct? A. Yes. Q. Then there was some other complaint prior to OSHA notifying you that they were coming in, in 2003. Correct? A. I'm not sure. I know there was an anonymous one, but I don't know what the time frame was. Q. All right. Well, you've got a 2001 complaint, and then there was an OSHA inspection commencing in April of 2003. Right? A. (Witness nods head.) Q. You have to say yes. A. Oh. Yes. Sorry. Q. Is it your understanding that that OSHA inspection was prompted by someone's complaint? A. Yes. Q. Okay. And then after you learned that OSHA was coming in to inspect, you received a complaint from Kenny Hill.	
23 24	A. I think it was Michael Hill. Q. Michael Hill, excuse me. Michael Hill. Yes.	23 24
25	A. Yes.	25
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	Page 34 Q. Okay. And you also received, after that point, complaints from other inmates similar to Michael Hill's complaint. A. Yes. Q. Now, in response to one of Mr. Colville's questions, you indicated that the folks at OSHA told you — and this is a quote, I think. Quote, everything we were doing was all right — or was right, but they had some recommendations to make? A. They didn't actually tell me that, you know. They just — there was recommendations. I just thought everything was okay, if they were only recommendations. Q. Would you agree with me that OSHA issued a number of citations to the facility? A. Yes. Q. Many of which were classified as serious violations. A. What do you mean by "serious"? Q. That OSHA described a number of violations as serious violations in their report to you. Are you aware of that? A. I didn't realize they were that serious, no. Q. Okay. Did you consider any of the violations	
24	identified in the OSHA report to be serious violations? A. Some possibly could be, yes.	
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